

WMST 2640 - Gender in Society

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Ph.D. Sociology, University of Oklahoma, 2014

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Course Description

2640. Gender in Society. Sociological analysis of gender role issues by major institutions of society, including political, educational, economic and legal systems as well as media and the family. Focus is on effects of stratification, culture, gender norms, and the socialization process. Crosslisted: SOC 2640. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Gender: Ideas, Interactions, Institutions, 3rd Ed.	Wade, Lisa, and Myra Marx Ferree	978-1324044055

This course is First Day Ready which means that your book is included as part of your tuition and fees. You may [opt-out of these charges](#) though it is strongly discouraged.

Students are required to have access to [Blackboard](#) as this course takes place online. These are the [computer lab locations](#) on campus.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	• Syllabus • "Why Every Human Should Take a Women's Studies Course" • Gender: Introduction	MODULE 1 Introduction to Course CAREER CONNECTION: Gender analysis is a named skill in HR, health, policy.	Watch and Annotate: • Women's & Gender Studies: Perspectives and Practices Presentation Post: • Introduction to Course Discussion Sign Up for Paper Module 1 Quiz Syllabus Quiz



10/26	• Gender: Chapter 1 – Ideas • Gender: Chapter 2 – Bodies	MODULE 2 Ideas and Bodies CAREER CONNECTION Questioning “natural” differences sharpens evidence-checking in any job.	Watch and Annotate: • Ideas Presentation • Bodies Presentation Post: • Ideas and Bodies Discussion Exam 1 Homework 1 Due Socialization Paper Due
11/2	• Gender: Chapter 3 – Performances • Gender: Chapter 4 – Intersections	MODULE 3 Performances and Intersections CAREER CONNECTION Intersectional analysis appears in DEI, public health, social services postings.	Watch and Annotate: • Performances Presentation • Intersections Presentation Post: • Performances & Intersections Discussion Exam 2 Homework 2 Due
11/9	• Gender: Chapter 5 – Inequalities: Masculinities • Gender: Chapter 6 – Inequalities: Femininities	MODULE 4 Inequalities CAREER CONNECTION Spotting unequal patterns is the first step to fixing them.	Watch and Annotate: • Inequalities: Masculinities • Inequalities: Femininities Post: • Inequalities Discussion Exam 3 Homework 3 Due Media Paper Due
11/16	• Gender: Chapter 7 – Institutions • Gender: Chapter 8 – Change	MODULE 5 Institutions and Change CAREER CONNECTION Organizations change through policy; learn where the levers sit.	Watch and Annotate: • Institutions Presentation • Change Presentation Post: • Institutions and Change Discussion Exam 4 Homework 4 Due Heterosexuality Paper Due
11/23	• Gender: Chapter 9 – Sexualities • Gender: Chapter 10 - Families	MODULE 6 Sexualities and Families CAREER CONNECTION Family-serving work requires understanding families beyond one model.	Watch and Annotate: • Sexualities Presentation • Families Presentation Post: • Sexualities and Families Discussion Exam 5 Homework 5 Due Family Paper Due
11/30	• Gender: Chapter 11 – Work • Gender: Chapter 12 – Politics • Gender: Conclusion	MODULE 7 Work and Politics CAREER CONNECTION Labor market data shapes careers, including yours.	Watch and Annotate: • Work Presentation – Part 1 • Work Presentation – Part 2 • Politics Presentation Post: • Work and Politics Discussion Exam 6 Homework 6 Due Work Paper Due

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